

IN THE CLAIMS

This is a complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A switching device ~~(13)~~—for the connection of a conductor ~~by means of~~via a ring terminal, ~~which switching device (13) has comprising:~~

_____ a preassembled component including (5), comprising a holder (1) and a screw-with-washer assembly (2) which is, the a screw-with-washer assembly being held by said the holder (1) and formings, together with a connection piece (11), a clamping point for a the conductor connection by means of via a the ring terminal,
~~characterized~~

~~in that the holder being (1) can be moved~~ movable between an open and a closed state of the clamping point and ~~has including a spring element (3) applied to it the holder, which holds the holder it~~ in the open state when the clamping point is released.

2. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

~~characterized~~

~~in that the~~ the component (5) is not provided with a cover.

3. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein

~~characterized~~

~~in that the component (5) is guided and held via guide grooves (8) during assembly.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3,~~
characterized
~~in that~~wherein the complete clamping device ~~(9)~~ is in the form of a module, the switching device ~~(13)~~ ~~being~~is plugged on, and the spring element ~~(3)~~ ~~is being~~ prestressed over a narrow point in the switching device ~~(13)~~.

5. (New) The switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the component is guided and held via guide grooves during assembly.

6. (New) The switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the complete clamping device is in the form of a module, the switching device being plugged on, and the spring element being prestressed over a narrow point in the switching device.

7. (New) The switching device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the complete clamping device is in the form of a module, the switching device being plugged on, and the spring element being prestressed over a narrow point in the switching device.